

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Prepaid parking systems and methods that allow a user to purchase a prepaid parking pass for a particular event. Once the prepaid parking pass is obtained, a holder is able to present the prepaid parking pass at an entrance to a prepaid parking facility for the particular event. This invention contemplates the availability, at a location proximate to an entrance to the prepaid parking facility, of machines of the type adapted to identify and verify the indicia imprinted on or contained within the prepaid parking pass. When a particular prepaid parking pass, including a particular indicia, is presented, the indicia is identified. Then, verification of the validity of the prepaid parking pass is automatically provided by, for example, a database containing valid prepaid parking pass indicia data. If the prepaid parking pass is determined to be valid, the vehicle is allowed to enter the parking facility. If, on the other hand, the prepaid parking pass is determined to be invalid, the vehicle is not allowed to enter the parking facility.